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CRISES THE AMERICAN HISTORY OF NUCLEAR THREATS -- TRUMAN TO NIXON

(So far as is known from public announcements, memoirs of Presidents & their associates, and studies based on official documents).

Site of Threat	Date	President	Type of U.S. Nuclear Involvement	Principal References Source of Information
Iran	1946	Truman	Secret threat	Sen. Jackson, <i>Time</i> , Jan. 28, 1980.
Korea	1950	Truman	Public threat of attack	Press Conference, Nov. 30, 1950. Public Announcement Truman memoirs, <i>Years of Trial and Hope</i> (NY 1964) Vol. II, pp. 450-51
Korea	1953	Eisenhower	Secret threat of attack	Mandate for Change Eisenhower's memoirs, (name?) Vol. I, pp. 175-81.
Iraq/Kuwait	1958	Eisenhower	Eisenhower orders secret preparation	Blechnman and Kaplan <i>Force Without War</i> (Washington, 1978) pp. 238, 256
Dienbienphu	1954	Eisenhower	US offer of nuclear weapons to French	Prime Minister Bidault in film <i>Hearts and Minds</i> , and in <i>Drummond and Coblenz</i> , Eisenhower's memoirs
Quemoy & Matsu	1958	Eisenhower	President orders Secret preparation	Duel at the Brink (NY 1960), pp. 21-22
Laos	1961	Kennedy	JCS recommendation Secret preparation	Nixon memoirs, <i>RN</i> (NY 1978), pp. 150-5
Berlin	1961	Kennedy	Public Threat	(Sorensen, Kennedy (NY 1964) pp. 721-28.
Cuba	1962	Kennedy	Public Threat	Blechnman and Kaplan, pp. 342-432. R.F. Kennedy, <i>Thirteen Days</i> (NY 1971)
Khe Sanh	1968	Johnson	Gen. Westmoreland recommendation (contingent) Secret threat	Schandler, <i>The Unmaking of a President</i> (Princeton, 1977) pp. 86-91
Vietnam	1969-1972	Nixon	At least 13 separate threats of use	Haldeman's memoirs: <i>The Ends of Power</i> (NY 1978) pp. 81-85, 97-98 Richard M. Nixon Memoirs, pp. 393-414. Eqbal Ahmad, <i>Pakistan</i> , scholar, as told to Daniel Ellsberg Interviews with

Halperin, *The 1958 Taiwan Straits Crisis* (Declassified & annotated study)

1946 Iran
 Kissinger in N. Korea (See Haldeman memoirs)
 1980 Afghanistan Carter-Dyess

* George and Smoke, *Deterrence in American Foreign Policy* (NY 1974) pp. 237-41

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